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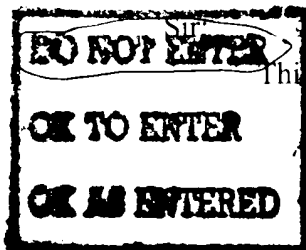
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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as follows:

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDMENTS:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, lines 7 - 15 with the following:

In the preferred embodiment of the present invention, the stirring fan apparatus includes three perforated fins 160 which are each coupled to the rod 157 at a second, opposite end 161. Each fin 160 is preferably separated by 120 degrees and is formed in the shape of a triangle. The perforated fins 160 extend outward from the rod 157 at a distance to fit within the circular depression 54 of the paint storage container 48. It is understood that in alternate embodiments, the stirring fan apparatus 156 may include more than three fins, with each fin being evenly spaced apart about the circumference of the rod 157. It is further understood that in alternate embodiments, the perforated fins may have alternate geometric shapes.

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Respectfully submitted,

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